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[54] **VIDEO CAMERA WITH EYEPIECE AND LARGE LCD VIEW FINDERS**
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A video camera is provided with both a liquid crystal display as well as a smaller conventional eyepiece type viewfinder. Switching means responsive to an opening movement of the liquid crystal display from a closed position are used to automatically and smoothly switch off the viewfinder, switch on the liquid crystal display and to enable a speaker. The liquid crystal display is also used as a cover for relatively infrequently used setting switches and controls.

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